

**Land & Water
Conservation Committee**

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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 1 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Tom Rudolph, Wilbur Petroskey, Matt Matteson, Jack Martinson, and Guy Hansen (excused absence Rod Kuczmarski)

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Barb Payne, Jean Hansen and Julie Malvitz

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 1 at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. MOTION (Matteson/Petroskey), to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.

3. Set date for next meeting – The committee set the June meeting for June 28th at 1:30 p.m. and the July meeting for July 19th at 1:30 p.m. The Land & Water Resource Management Plan Meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 9:30 a.m.

4. Public Comments - None

5. Wildlife Damage Program – Hollands reported that she hasn't heard anything from Freda Waalkens concerning the fencing of her beehives to protect them from bear damage. It was noted by the committee that the bears are out and active. Guy Hansen reported that he has seen six eagles this spring. Matt Matteson reported that he spotted a bee while he was out gardening.

6. Update on LWCD Typist II position vacancy – Hollands reported to the committee that an ad for the vacancy was published in the Rhinelander Daily News and the North Star Journal. The vacancy was also posted on the County website which is available to the public. The applications were handled through the employment office. Hollands stated that there were (48) applicants. Lisa Charbarneau, Employee Services Manager, screened the applicants down to six. A list of interview questions was developed. The interviews are scheduled for one applicant on Tuesday, May 16th and the other five are scheduled for Thursday, May 18th. A decision will be made by the end of the week. We would like to start the new person the week of May 22nd. This position has been vacant officially since March 27th.

7. Select Conservation Youth Camp Scholarship Recipients – Hollands reported that \$200.00 was budgeted for the 2006 scholarships. The amount of \$100.00 was designated for each student. The Conservation Youth Camp is held at Trail's End Youth Camp (near Bruce, Wisconsin) in Rusk County. The information was sent out to all the Oneida County schools, and a press release was sent to the media. This program is designed for students who have completed grades 8, 9, or 10 and are interested in learning about the environment. Each County's Land & Water Conservation Department and other local conservation organizations offer scholarships. Hollands reported that so far there has been only one response from Oneida County. The student that applied for the scholarship is Allison Puestow. She is currently an eighth grader student at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran School. Hollands asked the committee if they would be in agreement if Allison wanted to ask a friend to attend the camp with her. The Committee was in agreement. **MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson) to approve Allison's scholarship and also the approval of a friend to attend and use the other \$100 scholarship. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

8. County Cost Share Program – Jean Hansen reported that a pre-bid meeting for (3) properties on Lake Nokomis was held on May 5, 2006 at #2057, #2061, and #2069 Sunset Drive on Lake Nokomis. The Singletarys (the center property owner) showed interest in the project at this meeting. Three contractors were present. The deadline for the contractor's bids has been set as June 2, 2006. The contractors expressed some of their concerns with this project. Hansen reported on the Phebus project. Ms. Phebus is still waiting for bids on her project. The Phebus project was one of the top priority projects for the 2006 funding. The committee suggested a deadline of June 1st at 12:00 noon be issued for accepting bids for the Phebus project. They stated that Ms. Phebus should receive notification on the deadline date as soon as possible. When notifying Ms. Phebus about the deadline, she should also be made aware that failure to meet this deadline would change the priority of her cost share project. Hansen reported on the cost share project for Lynn Anderson's property on Pelican Lake, which consisted of a planting plan. Hansen said Ms. Anderson is very satisfied with the results of her plantings.

MOTION (Matteson/Hansen), to notify Ms. Phebus that a deadline of June 1st at 12:00 noon will be enforced for submitting bids for her project. Failure to comply by the deadline will change the priority of her cost share project. Motion carried, all voting aye.

9. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update

- a. Agreement with Regional Planning Commission – Hollands reported that the revised agreement would include approximately six meetings. Regional Planning will also provide 51 copies of the plan at a cost of \$1,000.00. **MOTION (Hansen/Martinson) to contract with the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission to revise the Oneida County Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Hollands reported to the committee that she and Jean Hansen have been working on the list of committee members for the citizen's advisory committee and the technical committee. Hollands also stated the technical committee will meet first to review goals and objectives. Then the LWCC can go through and review their recommendations.

10. Joint Multi-County DNR Grant – Hollands reported that Bill Klase asked if Oneida County is going to join Lincoln County in applying for a grant. Hollands said she would contact Diane Hansen to find out the current status. Martinson suggested to keep applying for the maximum amount of grant monies. The grant is a 50-50 match now, with the proposal of 75-25 in the future. Guy Hansen suggested placing a call to Rebecca Baumann, the WLWCA Executive Director, to find out the status of Representative Meyer's proposed bill. The deadline for submitting a grant proposal for the DNR non-native aquatic invasive species grant is August 1st.

11. Non –Native Aquatic Invasive Species (Grants)

- a. Contractual services for DNR grant – Hollands reported that she has some funds for contractual services and that she could hire someone with the committee's approval. She stated that she would look for someone who had insurance. Guy Hansen suggested contacting Nicolet Services, which is a temporary employment placement service. Hollands said she would contact Nicolet Services for a list of service charges. Matteson suggested contacting Diane Jacobson with the Department of Aging. He said she has dealt with Nicolet Services for hiring employees in the past. Jean Hansen reported that we hosted a Clean Boats, Clean Waters Workshop on May 3rd at the Crescent Town Hall. There are two more workshops scheduled for May 25th at the UW-Extension office. The first workshop is another Clean Boats, Clean Waters and the second workshop is Citizens Lake Monitoring. Hollands encouraged committee members to attend any of these workshops. Matteson stated that he would be attending the first workshop, and he would help with the set up. Jean Hansen will be giving a power point presentation for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Workshop.

12. Oneida County Strategic Long Range Planning Process – The Committee tabled this item.

13. Lake Districts/Agency Reports (FSA, NRCS, LWCD, UWEX, DNR, LWCB, WLWCA & RC&D)

Lake Districts – Martinson reported there hasn't been any recent activity to report for the Bear Lake District. Hansen reported there hasn't been any activity to report for the Thunder Lake District. Petroskey reported there hasn't been any activity to report for the Mid Lake District. Rudolph reported that the Horsehead Lake District grant was turned down. Their next meeting will be held in July. The Horsehead Lake District annual meeting has been changed from August 19th to August 5th. They will be contracting with someone to do weed harvesting in the future. The Horsehead Lake District also has an old weed harvester to sell. They are asking \$35,000.00 for it. The revenue generated from the sale of the old weed harvester will be used towards the purchase of a new weed harvester.

Hollands mentioned that Ken Dirks stopped into the office. He is working with Lake Nokomis to assist them with the formation of a Lake District, which includes properties in both Oneida and Lincoln Counties.

FSA – No report was given.

NRCS – Julie Malvitz, District Conservationist, stated this is the season for construction. Her agency has been busy with access roads, shoreline restoration, and several grazing plans. Julie reported that she has been busy creating a pasture walk in Florence County. She has been concentrating her efforts in the Northern Counties.

LWCD – Hollands gave a brief report on the Typist II vacancy. She also covered the Youth Camp Scholarships and the Trees for Tomorrow Scholarships for teachers. Hollands mentioned she has arranged for the speakers for both the Four County Meeting and the North Central Association Reorganization Meeting. Hollands gave a brief summary of rental equipment usage. Hollands stated that she attended a technical committee meeting in Florence County to provide assistance to them with their long range planning process.

UWEX – No report was given.

DNR – No report was given.

LWCD – Rudolph said he received a confirmation call from Sauk County regarding some issues concerning Farmland Preservation that had to be approved. Trempealeau County doesn't want to do the monitoring for the Farmland Preservation Program. They want the State (DATCP) to do the compliance monitoring for the Farmland Preservation Program in their county. Rudolph will give an update on this issue at the next LWCC meeting.

WLWCA – Rudolph informed the committee that Rebecca Baumann, WLWCA Executive Director, submitted her resignation from WLWCA effective June 15, 2006. He is trying to schedule a board meeting before Rebecca leaves. This meeting would enable Rebecca to give an update on projects before she leaves. The WLWCA Board of Directors will be hiring Rebecca's replacement. The State Association dues are due on or before May 31st. Door County hasn't paid their WLWCA dues yet. The WLWCA President is from Door County. According to the bylaws if a member county has not paid their annual dues by May 31st deadline, they are not eligible to be a voting member of the organization.

RC&D – Rudolph and Petroskey will attend a state workshop in Rosholt on May 18th and 19th. Petroskey and Rudolph reported on a public hearing on a proposed rule revision to NR 320 for temporary in-stream crossings. It was held at the North Central Technical College in Wausau. This hearing was about creating a general permit for temporary in-stream crossings for forest management activities on streams less than 10 feet wide. Loggers are now required to obtain a permit for \$300 for 160 days. The proposed change would allow loggers to obtain a general operational permit (renewable) for \$50 a month. The purpose is to make the permitting process easier for the loggers. There was also a new portable timber bridge constructed out of a series of PVC pipes joined together. This type of bridge construction would be more stable and easier to remove.

14. Monthly Budget Review – MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson) to approve the April 2006 Expense Analyses for both the Land & Water Conservation Department Budget and the Wildlife Damage Budget as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

15. Out-County Authorization -

All out-of-county meetings for the months of May & June had already been approved.

16. Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfers. MOTION (Petroskey/Hansen), to approve payment of the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

County Board Account

Regency Suites	\$ 380.00
Lodging during attendance at Wisconsin Lakes Convention for Rudolph and Petroskey	

Land Conservation Department Account

UWEX – Lakes Program	\$1,125.00
(Clean Boats, Clean Waters Aquatic Invasive Species 45 kits)	

Lakeland True Value Hardware	\$ 12.00
(Purchase rod for Portable Timber Bridge)	

Marinette County Forestry Department	\$ 231.00
(Shipping of trees into the county)	

Wildlife Damage Program Account

No invoices were submitted.

17. Items for the next meeting agenda – Hansen suggested that Hollands contact Dave Ferris of Burnette County to speak at a future Land & Water Conservation Committee Meeting.

Other items (for discussion only) – Hollands asked the committee if she needed approval to purchase reference books for the office staff. The committee stated that there was no need for prior approval to purchase reference materials for the staff. Therefore it wasn't necessary to take any committee action on this item.

18. Adjourn – With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. by MOTION (Martinson/Matteson). Motion carried, all voting aye.

Thomas Rudolph
Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist